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- 1. The Soviet Army entered Harbin in August 1945. At that time approximately 40 thousand Russians were living in Manchuria. Of this number about 10 thousand were either Soviet or Chinese citizens; most of these were employed by the Chinese Changchun Railroad. The Soviet Army did not bother the Russians, but the NKVD, which came in after the army, did. The NKVD checked on the Russians in Manchuria and arrested about 8 thousand. There were five "grounds" for arrest:
  - a. student or graduate of two Russian military academies located at Loshago and Khandackhedze (over 500 young Russians were thus arrested);
  - b. member of the Harbin police force;
  - c. employee of the Japanese Military Mission in Harbin;
  - d. employee of the Bureau of Russian Baigres; and
  - e. former member of the White Army (particularly former officers).

There were also some arrested who did not fit into the above five categories. The 8 thousand Russians were sent by railway to the USER, ie to Chita or to Bikelsk-Ussurisk Voroshilov, where they were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

2. The Russians in Manchuria who requested Soviet citizenship received their Soviet papers by late 1945 or early 1946. Approval from Moscow usually came through in about six months. Not all requests for Soviet citizenship were approved. The majority of the Russians in Manchuria, in addition to taking out Soviet citizenship, requested permission to return to the UMSR. It was not granted. The reason for this was that in about 1929 the Russians in Manchuria who were employees of the Chinese Bastern Railway were not well treated by the Enomintang authorities and several thousand Russians returned to the UMSR at that time. They were very dissatisfied once they settled in the UMSR and thus formed a dissatisfied element in that country. Therefore, in 1945-46, the Soviet authorities, not wishing to acquire an additional element

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